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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 AND 1.143

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2001 setting forth a requirement for restriction and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group IV, Claims 18-19, drawn to antibodies which bind a recombinant polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO:4, which is encoded by SEQ ID NO:3.

REMARKS

Claims 16-19 are present in this application and have been subjected to restriction by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

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